

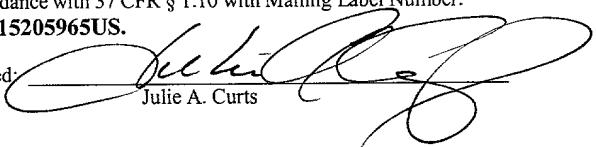
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TEXTUAL INSTRUCTIONS)
POSITIONED THEREON)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the continuation application attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 17, lines 1-2, please delete "Golf Ball with Textual Instructions Positioned Thereon"

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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On page 6, lines 20, 24, and 28, please delete “Figures” and insert therefor --Figure--

On page 7, line 1, please delete “Figures 3C” and insert therefor --Figure 3D--

On page 9, line 10, after “110” please insert --of Figures 1A and 1B--

On page 9, lines 15, 16, and 19, please delete “104”

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-19, and add claims 20-38 as follows:

20. (Added) An instructional golf ball, comprising:

 a spherical body having an outer surface with a plurality of dimples formed thereon;

 instructional indicia situated on the outer surface of the body, the instructional indicia including text for providing guidance as to the manner in which the golf ball should be played; and

 positioning indicia situated on the outer surface of the body in specific relation to the instructional indicia for facilitating the placement of the body prior to being played such that the instructional indicia is easily read;

 wherein the specific relation of the positioning of the instructional indicia and the positioning indicia ensures that the instructional indicia is capable of being read from left to right by a user addressing the golf ball when the positioning indicia is positioned at an apex of the golf ball and directed in a direction of a target, thereby providing an instructional reminder while the user addresses the golf ball.

21. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 20, and further comprising a pair of spaced bands flanking an equator of the body of the golf ball, and a putt target marking situated on the equator of the body between the bands, wherein the putt target

marking is adapted for indicating a point on the golf ball to be struck when putting, and the bands indicate any spin associated with the golf ball when putting.

22. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 21, wherein the text indicates that the putt target marking is the point on the golf ball to be struck when putting.

23. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 20, and further comprising a drive target marking situated on the body of the golf ball, wherein the drive target marking is adapted for indicating a point on the golf ball to be struck when driving.

24. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 23, wherein the text indicates that the drive target marking is the point on the golf ball to be struck when driving.

25. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 23, and further comprising a tee marking situated on the body of the golf ball, wherein the tee marking is adapted for indicating a point on the golf ball to be positioned on a tee when driving.

26. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 20, and further comprising feet indicia indicative of feet of the user situated on the outer surface of the body, the feet indicia illustrating a proper positioning of the feet of the user in accordance with the text.

27. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 20, wherein the positioning indicia includes arrow indicia positioned on the body of the golf ball.

28. (Added) The instructional golf ball as recited in claim 27, wherein the text is visible to the user when positioned to strike the golf ball upon positioning the golf ball such that the arrow indicia is situated at the apex of the golf ball and is directed in the direction of the target.

29. (Added) A method of improving the manner in which a golf ball is played by a user during golf, comprising:

placing a golf ball on a ground surface, the golf ball including a spherical body having an outer surface with a plurality of dimples formed thereon;

reading instructional indicia situated on the outer surface of the body, wherein the instructional indicia includes text for providing guidance as to the manner in which the golf ball should be played by a user; and

playing the golf ball in the manner indicated by the instructional indicia;

wherein positioning indicia is situated on the outer surface of the body in specific relation to the instructional indicia for facilitating the placement of the body prior to being played such that the instructional indicia is easily read by the user, the specific relation of the positioning of the instructional indicia and the positioning indicia ensuring that the instructional indicia is capable of being read from left to right by the user addressing the golf ball when the positioning indicia is positioned at an apex of the golf ball and directed in a direction of a target, thereby providing an instructional reminder while the user addresses the golf ball.

30. (Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein a pair of spaced bands flank an equator of the body of the golf ball, and a putt target marking is situated on the equator of the body between the bands, and further comprising using the putting, and the using the bands to detect any spin associated with the golf ball when putting.

31. (Added) The method as recited in claim 30, wherein the text indicates that the putt target marking is the point on the golf ball to be struck when putting.

32. (Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein a drive target marking is situated on the body of the golf ball, and further comprising using the drive target marking to determine a point on the golf ball to be struck when driving.

33. (Added) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein the text indicates that the drive target marking is the point on the golf ball to be struck when driving.

34. (Added) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein a tee marking is situated on the body of the golf ball, and further comprising using the tee marking to determine a point on the golf ball to be positioned on a tee when driving.

35. (Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein feet indicia indicative of feet of the user is situated on the outer surface of the body, the feet indicia illustrating a proper positioning of the feet of the user in accordance with the text.

36. (Added) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein the positioning indicia includes arrow indicia positioned on the body of the golf ball.

37. (Added) The method as recited in claim 36, wherein the text is visible to the user when positioned to strike the golf ball upon positioning the golf ball such that the arrow indicia is situated at the apex of the golf ball and is directed in the direction of the target.

38. (Added) An instructional golf ball set, comprising:

 a plurality of golf balls each including a spherical body having an outer surface with a plurality of dimples formed thereon, the golf balls including:

 a putt golf ball with the outer surface thereof having a first color,

 a drive golf ball with the outer surface thereof having a second color

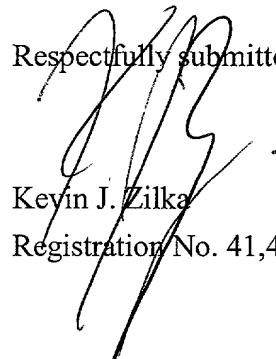
 different from the first color, and

 instructional golf balls with the outer surfaces thereof having different colors.

REMARKS

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. PET1P001A).

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